THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 9th August 1955.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

House Rent Allowance to teachers in aided institutions

* 336 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation in regard to grant of House Rent Allowance to teachers in aided institutions was made by a deputation from the Madras Teachers' Guild during the last few months; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) Government have informed the guild of their inability to comply with the request."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether immediately after the deputation, figures were collected by the Government as to the amount that would be required by the various schools in respect of this grant? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Figures were collected with reference to the City alone and not with reference to the State."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know what amount will be required for this purpose in respect of the City alone? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" For the City alone we will require round about three lakhs of rupees."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that especially in the City and in other bigger towns people have to pay 25 to 30 per cent of their income towards house rent to get very small portions? If so, will the Government reconsider the position? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" We are aware of the difficulties of teachers particularly in big towns where they have to pay high rents for their residential accommodation. But still we have to consider the financial implications also."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that the grant of this allowance is limited to certain big towns and to a certain salary and is aslo governed by the population of the area concerned, will the Government kindly see that the allowance is extended throughout the State? After all the cost according to the Government figures is only about ten lakhs of rupees? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The entire question of remuneration for teachers will be considered soon. I shall then consider this aspect also."

Medical concessions to teachers employed in aided institutions

* 337 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to extend medical concessions now given to teachers employed in local bodies to teachers employed in aided institutions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is under consideration."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether, in view of the fact that most of the teachers in rural areas are getting below hundred rupees and are already eligible for free treatment, the Government will take up this scheme even before the commencement of the Second Five-Year Plan period? "

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" On a point of order, how can supplementaries arise when the Minister has said that the matter is under consideration? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Government will consider the point the hon. Member has placed before the House."

Government Offices and Schools in private houses in South Arcot district

* 338 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of private houses in which the Government offices and schools are housed at present in the South Arcot district; and

(*b*) the total amount of rent paid by Government during the years 1952–53 and 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) Two hundred and eighty-eight private houses, viz., 195 for Government offices, 91 for Harjan Welfare Department Schools, and 2 for Education Department Schools.

" (*b*) Rupees 71,996-14-6 in 1952–53 and Rs. 76,027-4-6 in 1953–54."